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The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed August 17, 2004 has been considered. The allowance of the claims are still valid after the consideration of the IDS. A copy of the examiner-initialed form PTO-1449 is attached.

Although some of the prior art references listed in the 1449 employ an original scanning system using also IR or invisible (non-visible) light to illuminate the original in addition to scanning of the original irradiated with visible light, each complete operation involves scanning the original irradiated with invisible light. None of the references teaches that an operation mode that skips a scan of the original image irradiated with invisible light before or after executing a scan of the original image irradiated with visible light is selectable as claimed in each of the independent claims.

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